

Iraq Weekly Status Report

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Highlights

1. **Defeat the Terrorists and Neutralize the Insurgents**

Since the surge began, Coalition and Iraqi Security Forces have uncovered eight separate AQI media offices and cells, captured or killed 24 AQI propaganda cell members, and discovered over 23 terabytes of information, reducing AQI's ability to spread propaganda using their media cell network by as much as 80%.

2. **Transition Iraq to Security Self-Reliance**

What began as the Anbar Awakening has now evolved into the formation of concerned local citizens groups present in almost every major neighborhood in Baghdad and throughout the provinces. Over 67,000 Iraqis have signed up as concerned local citizens to assist Coalition forces and the government of Iraq in securing their neighborhoods.

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7. International Support for Iraq

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8. Strengthen Public Understanding of Coalition Efforts and Public Isolation of the Insurgents

Shehab Mohammed al-Hiti, the Sunni Arab editor of the weekly al-Youm newspaper, was murdered this weekend. He was last seen leaving his home in the western Baghdad neighborhood of Jamiaa October 28 heading for the newspaper's office.



[1.] Defeat the Terrorists and Neutralize the Insurgency

Coalition Forces Capture AQI Media Cell:

- Last month in Mosul, an al-Qaida in Iraq (AQI) media cell was interdicted, resulting in the detention of four senior AQI members and a propaganda cell member.
- Since the surge began, Coalition and Iraqi Forces have uncovered eight separate AQI media offices and cells, captured or killed 24 al-Qaida propaganda cell members, and discovered over 23 terabytes of information.
- These efforts have reduced AQI's ability to spread propaganda using their media cell network by as much as 80%.

Largest Cache of Explosively-Formed Projectiles Found:

- A local citizen of the Sudah village led CF to one of the largest caches of explosively-formed penetrators (EFPs) found in Iraq, including more than 120 fully assembled EFPs, more than 150 copper disks, 600 pounds of C4 explosive, 100 mortar rounds, and over 30 107-mm rockets.

Fourteen Splinter Group Terrorists Detained:

- CF conducted an operation October 27 targeting a criminal splinter group leader, leading to his detention and that of 14 other criminals.
- The group had been involved in weapon's procurement, kidnappings, and EFP attacks against CF. Intelligence also indicates the group had ties to the Iranian intelligence network.



[2.] Transition to Security Self-Reliance – Iraqi Security Forces

Concerned Local Citizen Groups Assist Iraqi Forces:

- What began as the Anbar Awakening has now evolved into the formation of concerned local citizens groups present in almost every major neighborhood in Baghdad and throughout the provinces.
- Over 67,000 Iraqis have signed up as concerned local citizens to assist Coalition forces and the government of Iraq in securing their neighborhoods.
- Over 17,000 of these individuals have volunteered to join the Iraqi security forces, a long-term commitment.

Iraqi Security Forces Rescue Shaykh Hostages:

- Soldiers from the 9th Iraqi Army Division conducted a mission to rescue abducted shaykhs October 29 from Diyala that were kidnapped in the Shaab area of northern Baghdad the previous day.
- The mission resulted in the rescue of seven shaykhs, the capture of four abductors and the killing of at least three extremists at the location where the shaykhs were being held. The body of an eighth shaykh was recovered at the scene.



[2.] Transition to Security Self-Reliance – Iraqi Security Forces

Iraqi Police Commander Disarms Large VBIED:

- Iraqi Police from the southern Ninewah province town of Qayyarah stopped a large vehicle-borne improvised explosive device (VBIED) October 25 before its driver had a chance to detonate it.
- Local police received a tip from a citizen about a suspected large fuel truck that was rigged as a VBIED. Moving in to investigate, they learned the driver had parked the device on the Qayyarah Bridge, told a local national on the ground that he was going to blow up the bridge, and then jumped off the bridge into the water below.
- Iraqi explosive ordnance disposal specialists, led by Lt. Col. Kahlid, arrived on the site and Kahlid personally moved to the vehicle and disarmed the VBIED.



[2.] Transition Iraq to Security Self-Reliance – **Iraqi Security Forces**

Ministry of Interior Forces

COMPONENT	TRAINED & EQUIPPED
POLICE	~135,000
NATIONAL POLICE	~ 26,300
OTHER MOI FORCES	~32,900
TOTAL	~194,200*

Ministry of Defense Forces

COMPONENT	OPERATIONAL
ARMY	~163,500***
AIR FORCE	~900
NAVY	~1,100
TOTAL	~165,500**

Total Trained & Equipped ISF:
~359,700****

* Ministry of Interior Forces: Unauthorized absence personnel are included in these numbers

** Ministry of Defense Forces: Unauthorized absence personnel are not included in these numbers

*** Army numbers include Special Operations Forces and Support Forces

**** Does not include the approximately 144,000 Facilities Protection Service personnel working in 27 ministries



[3.] Help Iraqis to Forge a National Compact for Democratic Government

Iraqi Prime Minister Fills Two Vacated Ministerial Posts:

- Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki has filled two of the six ministerial posts previously held by Sadrists. The Council of Representatives approved Prime Minister Maliki's nominations for the posts of Minister of Health, Saleh al-Hasnawi, and Minister of Agriculture, Ali al-Bahadeli October 30. The Sadrists' walkout was followed in August by the biggest Sunni Arab bloc in parliament, the Accordance Front, pulling its ministers out of government. A total of 13 ministerial positions remain to be filled.

Iraqi Authorities Assume Security Responsibilities in Karbala:

- The Council of Representatives passed pension reform legislation that extends coverage to former civil servants and employees of state-owned entities, many of whom are Sunnis. That these benefits have been extended to a significant number of Sunnis reflects the positive, practical steps that the GOI is taking toward reconciliation.



[3.] Help Iraqis to Forge a National Compact for Democratic Government - **Iraqi National Unity Government**

(F) = Female

* Vacant

		Deputy President Tariq al-Hashimi	President Jalal Talabani	Deputy President 'Adil 'Abd al-Mahdi	
		Deputy Prime Minister Barham Salih	Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki	Deputy Prime Minister Salam al-Zawba'i	
Minister of Agriculture Ali al-Bahadeli	Minister of Communications Muhammad Tawfiq Allawi	Minister of Culture *	Minister of Defense Abdul Qadir Muhammed Jasim	Minister of Displacement & Migration Abd al-Samad Rahman Sultan	Minister of Electricity Karim Wahid
Minister of Education Khudayyir al-Khuza'i	Minister of Environment Narmin 'Uthman (F)	Minister of Finance Bayan Jabr	Minister of Foreign Affairs Hoshyar Zebari	Minister of Health Saleh al-Hasnawi	Minister of Higher Education Abd Dhiyab al-Ajili
Minister of Human Rights Wijdan Mikha'il (F)	Minister of Industry & Minerals Fawzi al-Hariri	Minister of Interior Jawad al-Bulani	Minister of Justice Safa al Safi (acting)	Minister of Housing & Construction Bayan Daza'l (F)	Minister of Labor & Social Affairs Mahmud Muhammad Jawad al-Radi
Minister of Oil Husayn al-Shahristani	Minister of Planning Ali Baban	Minister of Trade Abd al-Falah al-Sudani	Minister of Science & Technology Ra'id Fahmi Jahid	Minister of Municipalities & Public Works Riyad Ghurayyib	Minister of Transportation *
Minister of Water Resources 'Abd al-Latif Rashid	Minister of Youth & Sports Jasim Muhammad Ja'far	Minister of State for Civil Society Wijdan Mikha'il (acting)	Minister of State for National Dialogue Affairs Akram al-Hakim	Minister of State for National Security Affairs Shirwan al-Waili	
Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Rafi Hiyad al-Isawi	Minister of State for Governorates Affairs *	Minister of State for Tourism and Antiquities *	Minister of State for Women's Affairs Fatin Abd al-Rahman Mahmud (F)	Minister of State for CoR Affairs Safa al-Safi	



[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – Financials from Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund (IRRF) 1 and IRRF 2

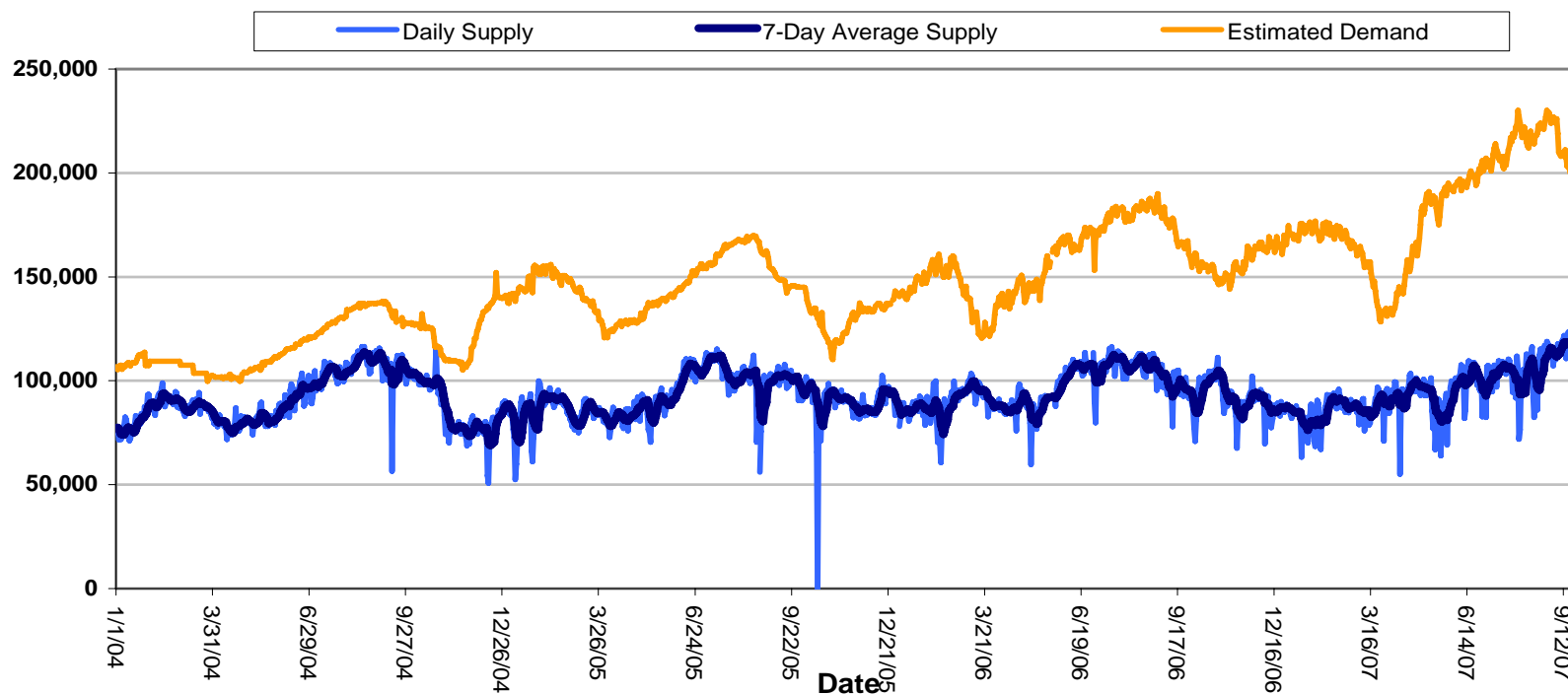
(Millions of USD)

Sector			Committed			Obligated			Disbursed		
	Apportioned	Unapportioned	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change
Security and Law Enforcement	\$4,983.67	\$20.95	\$4,961.23	\$4,961.22	(\$0.02)	\$4,959.95	\$4,959.93	(\$0.02)	\$4,828.87	\$4,828.89	\$0.02
Justice, Public Safety and Civil Society	\$2,283.37	\$24.29	\$2,259.57	\$2,259.57	\$0.00	\$2,252.41	\$2,252.41	\$0.00	\$2,097.02	\$2,097.32	\$0.30
Electricity Sector	\$4,199.46	\$25.63	\$4,125.03	\$4,125.03	\$0.00	\$4,006.63	\$4,006.63	\$0.00	\$3,506.65	\$3,506.65	\$0.00
Oil Infrastructure	\$1,713.28	\$11.42	\$1,594.35	\$1,594.35	\$0.00	\$1,545.57	\$1,545.57	\$0.00	\$1,478.69	\$1,478.69	\$0.00
Water Resources and Sanitation	\$2,076.29	\$25.36	\$1,975.75	\$1,975.75	\$0.00	\$1,930.88	\$1,930.88	\$0.00	\$1,686.77	\$1,686.77	\$0.00
Transportation and Communications	\$452.96	\$4.04	\$452.93	\$452.93	\$0.00	\$449.58	\$449.58	\$0.00	\$362.35	\$362.35	\$0.00
Roads, Bridges and Construction	\$329.23	\$4.38	\$322.80	\$322.80	\$0.00	\$320.82	\$320.82	\$0.00	\$233.32	\$233.32	\$0.00
Health Care	\$797.78	\$24.70	\$771.08	\$771.08	\$0.00	\$761.40	\$761.40	\$0.00	\$690.51	\$690.51	\$0.00
Private Sector Development	\$820.51	\$2.04	\$819.07	\$819.07	\$0.00	\$819.07	\$819.07	\$0.00	\$800.37	\$800.37	\$0.00
Education, Refugees, Human Rights, Governance	\$426.17	\$10.42	\$422.98	\$422.98	\$0.00	\$422.83	\$422.83	\$0.00	\$387.80	\$388.87	\$1.07
Admin Expense (USAID, STATE)	\$213.00	\$0.00	\$209.39	\$209.39	\$0.00	\$209.39	\$209.39	\$0.00	\$207.68	\$207.68	\$0.00
Total	\$18,295.71	\$153.24	\$17,914.21	\$17,914.19	(\$0.02)	\$17,678.52	\$17,678.51	(\$0.02)	\$16,280.05	\$16,281.43	\$1.39
IRRF II Non-Construction	-	-	\$7,710.98	\$7,710.96	(\$0.02)	\$7,702.80	\$7,702.78	(\$0.02)	\$7,331.33	\$7,332.71	\$1.39
IRRF II Construction	-	-	\$9,683.53	\$9,683.53	\$0.00	\$9,456.02	\$9,456.02	\$0.00	\$8,439.11	\$8,439.11	\$0.00
IRRF II Overhead	-	-	\$519.70	\$519.70	\$0.00	\$519.70	\$519.70	\$0.00	\$509.60	\$509.60	\$0.00
IRRF I Total	\$2,475.00	\$0.00	\$2,291.00	\$2,291.00	\$0.00	\$2,232.3	\$2,232.3	\$0.00	\$2,139.00	\$2,139.0	\$0.00
Grand Total IRRF I & II	\$20,770.71	\$153.24	\$20,205.21	\$20,205.19	(\$0.02)	\$19,910.82	\$19,910.81	(\$0.02)	\$18,419.05	\$18,420.43	\$1.39

[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – Electricity Overview



Daily Electricity Supplied and Estimated Demand in Iraq Since January 2004



- For October 24-30 daily electricity demand was 20% above the same period in 2006. Daily supply from the grid was 22% above the year-earlier period and met 60% of total electricity demand, unchanged from the year-earlier period.
- Average hours of power via electricity grid after meeting demand from essential services: Baghdad 9.2 and nationwide 12.5. Year-ago levels were Baghdad 8.1 and nationwide 12.7.



[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – **Provision of Essential Services**

Electricity:

- The United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) signed a funding support agreement October 27. The JBIC will provide the Kurdistan Regional Government \$150 million in soft loans for reconstruction efforts in the northern Iraqi region. The money will primarily support the Ministry of Electricity in their efforts to reconstruct power grids.
- Reconstruction efforts in Iraq are showing some signs of progress. Daily supply reached a postwar record of 123,000 MWh, which then was surpassed by 125,000 MWh on October 12.

Iraq's Largest Dam at Risk of Collapse:

- General David H. Petraeus warned Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki in May that the country's biggest dam is at risk of collapse, endangering the city of Mosul. A recent SIGIR report found that a U.S. program to strengthen the dam has failed to produce the desired result due to deficiencies in contractor performance and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers oversight. Embassy Baghdad is finalizing a new plan to fully implement the dam-strengthening program.
- Iraq reported October 31 that it was working round the clock to shore up the dam which was this week branded as "the most dangerous in the world" and denied the structure faced an imminent danger of collapse.



[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – **Government Capacity**

Kirkuk:

- The Kirkuk Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) reported that the province has obligated 66% of its 2007 reconstruction budget, an increase from the previous week. To date, the province has disbursed 23% of the obligated funds.
- Benzene distribution channels were slowed this past week. Consumers either had to wait three hours to purchase benzene at government filling stations or pay high “commission” fees to purchase the product at privately owned facilities. However, the electricity situation improved with the national grid supplying 18 hours per day to the province and 15-16 hours per day to individual households.

Baghdad:

- USAID has generated jobs and other activities for 39,722 workers each work day this reporting period. Short term employment was provided to 22,559 workers and long term employment to 17,163 workers. To date, 10,978 students have graduated with 7,038 of those being immediately employed.



[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Oil Update and Job Creation

Oil Update:

- Crude oil price averages in world markets for the week ending October 26 closed with the following prices:
 - Basrah Light at \$81.438/ barrel
 - WTI Cushing at \$89.58/ barrel
 - Dated Brent at \$85.356/barrel
 - Oman/Dubai at \$79.918/barrel

Employment Update:

Employment Program	Iraqis Last Week	Iraqis This Week	% change
Gulf Region District (GRD) IRRF (Includes MILCON/OMA)	26,541	26,541	0.00%
US Agency for International Development (USAID) (ESF)	84,111	84,111	0.00%
Commander's Emergency Response Program (CERP)	3,206	3,206	0.00%
Multi-National Security Transition Command-Iraq (MNSTC-I)	2,484	3,854	55.15%
GRAND TOTAL	116,342	117,712	1.18%

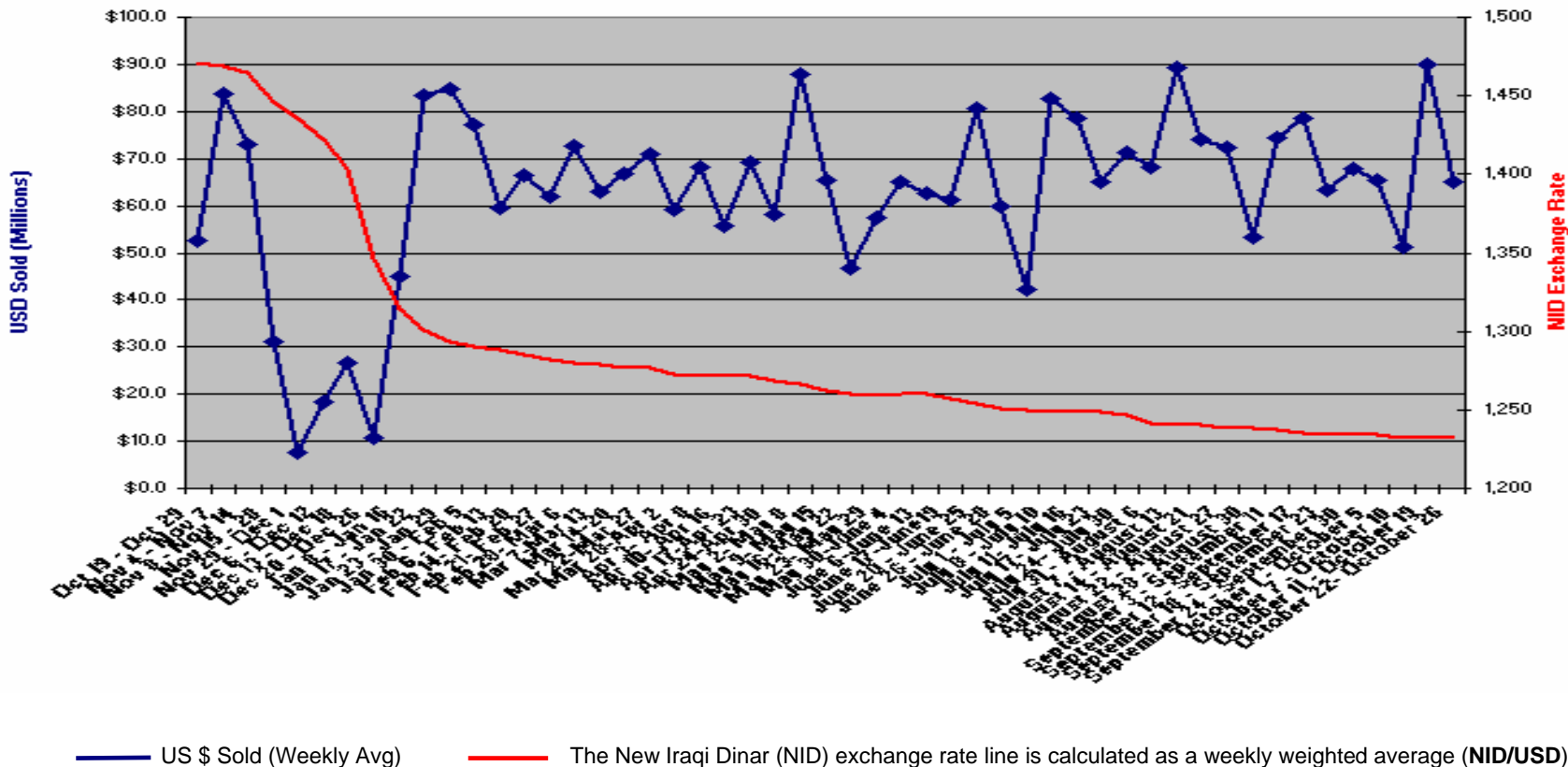


[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy - Banking Sector

Central Bank's US Dollar (USD) Currency Auction:

- The following table shows volume sold of and exchange rates for USD in the Iraqi currency auction since April. Since September, the Central Bank of Iraq (CBI) has slowly appreciated the dinar, as suggested by the IMF, in an effort to rein in galloping inflation. These policies have begun to bear fruit, as overall year-to-date inflation is 8.8%, which projects a pace well below the IMF annual target of 25%. The tendency for accelerated price increases in the last three months of the year remains a concern, however. The CBI will likely continue its appreciation of the Iraqi Dinar and maintain interest rates to fight further inflationary pressure.

Central Bank of Iraq
USD Currency Auction: October 11, 2006 – October 26, 2007





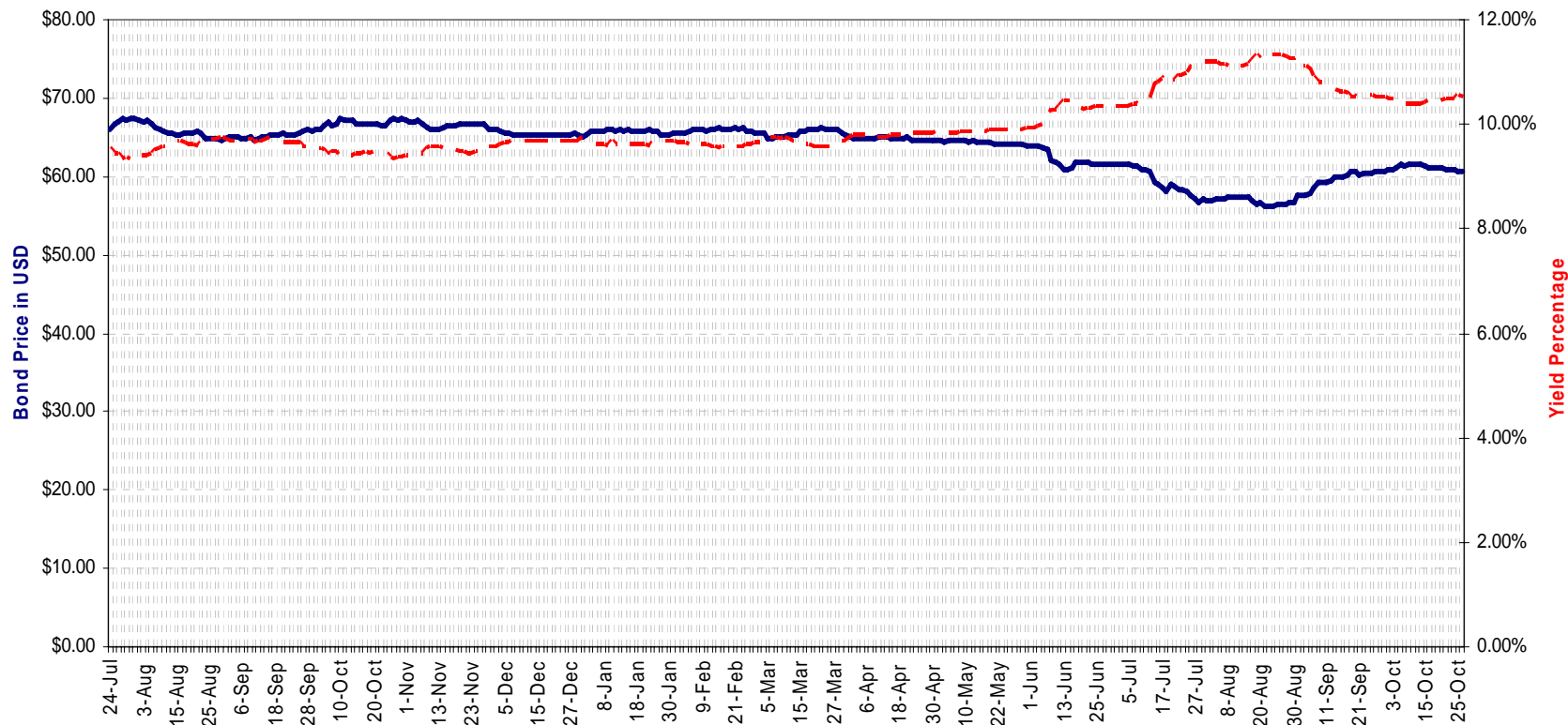
[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Securities Markets

Trading of Iraqi Bonds on the International Secondary Bond Market:

- The following table shows the daily bond resale price and yield on Iraqi bonds issued January 20. The bonds were originally issued to approximately two-thirds of Iraq's commercial creditors as part of a debt exchange arrangement as per Paris Club terms. Iraq's commercial debt was approximately \$22 billion before the debt-swap arrangement. The bonds, which are not yet rated, will mature in 2028.

Iraqi Commercial Bond Sales

July 24, 2006 - October 26, 2007



Trading High = \$73.98 (January 24)

Trading Low = \$64.66 (August 30)



[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Economic Events

Italian Loan Agreement:

- Italy agreed October 29 to grant a \$600 million low interest loan to the Iraq Ministry of Finance (MoF) to help boost agricultural reform in the country. The MoF released a statement stating that the agreement was signed in Rome and stipulates a 40-year loan term with an interest rate of 0.04%. Included in the loan will be Italian industrial and agricultural equipment sent to support the Iraqi industrialists running small projects. The agreement was signed by the Iraqi Deputy Minister for Planning and Developmental Cooperation and the Italian Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, in the presence of an Iraqi delegation from the Ministries of Finance and Planning and the Iraqi Ambassador in Rome.

Iraqi Dinar Appreciated 20% Since Last Year:

- According to the Central Bank of Iraq (CBI), the Iraqi Dinar was worth 1,475 Dinar per U.S. dollar in November 2006 and now stands at 1,232 Dinar per U.S. dollar. This equates to a 20% appreciation since last year. The appreciation effort, suggested by the International Monetary Fund (IMF), has proven relatively successful in stabilizing prices, though inflationary pressures, particularly given the tendency for inflation to increase at the end of the year, remain a concern. Year to date inflation through the month of September was 8.8%, which projects a pace below the IMF 12-month target of 25%.



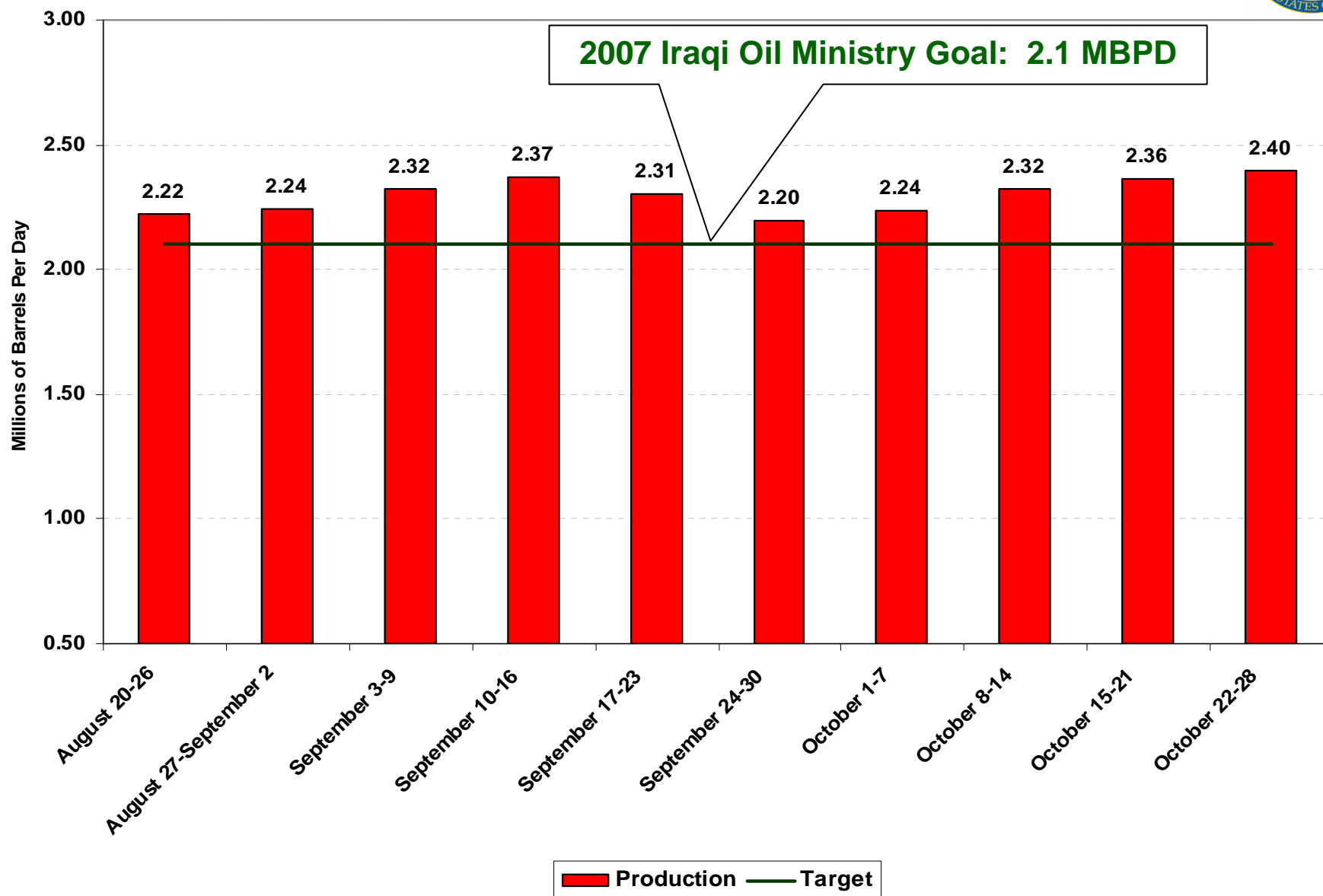
[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Economic Events

IRFFI Organization and Resources to Support ICI Priorities:

- Meeting in Bari, Italy (October 28 - 29), the Donors Committee (DC) of the International Reconstruction Fund Facility for Iraq (IRFFI) adopted a revised Terms of Reference that strongly establishes the linkages between the International Compact with Iraq (ICI) and IRFFI, including that the ICI will be the main mechanism for overall donor coordination and that the remaining IRFFI resources will go to support ICI priorities. The IRFFI's management structure will also be aligned with the organization of the ICI, with the same Executive Committee that directs implementation of the ICI taking over the direction of IRFFI from IRFFI's Facilities Coordination Committee. IRFFI's "Iraq Reconstruction Forum - (IRFO)," which meets the day before IRFFI DC meetings and provides a venue for Iraqi ministries to share activities and plans with donors, will be formalized and broadened to become the "Iraq Consultative Group" that is called for in the ICI as a way of bringing ministries, donors and the private sector together in support of implementation of the goals and benchmarks of the ICI. The new Terms of Reference also broadened IRFFI's mandate to include giving support to Iraq's internally displaced persons.

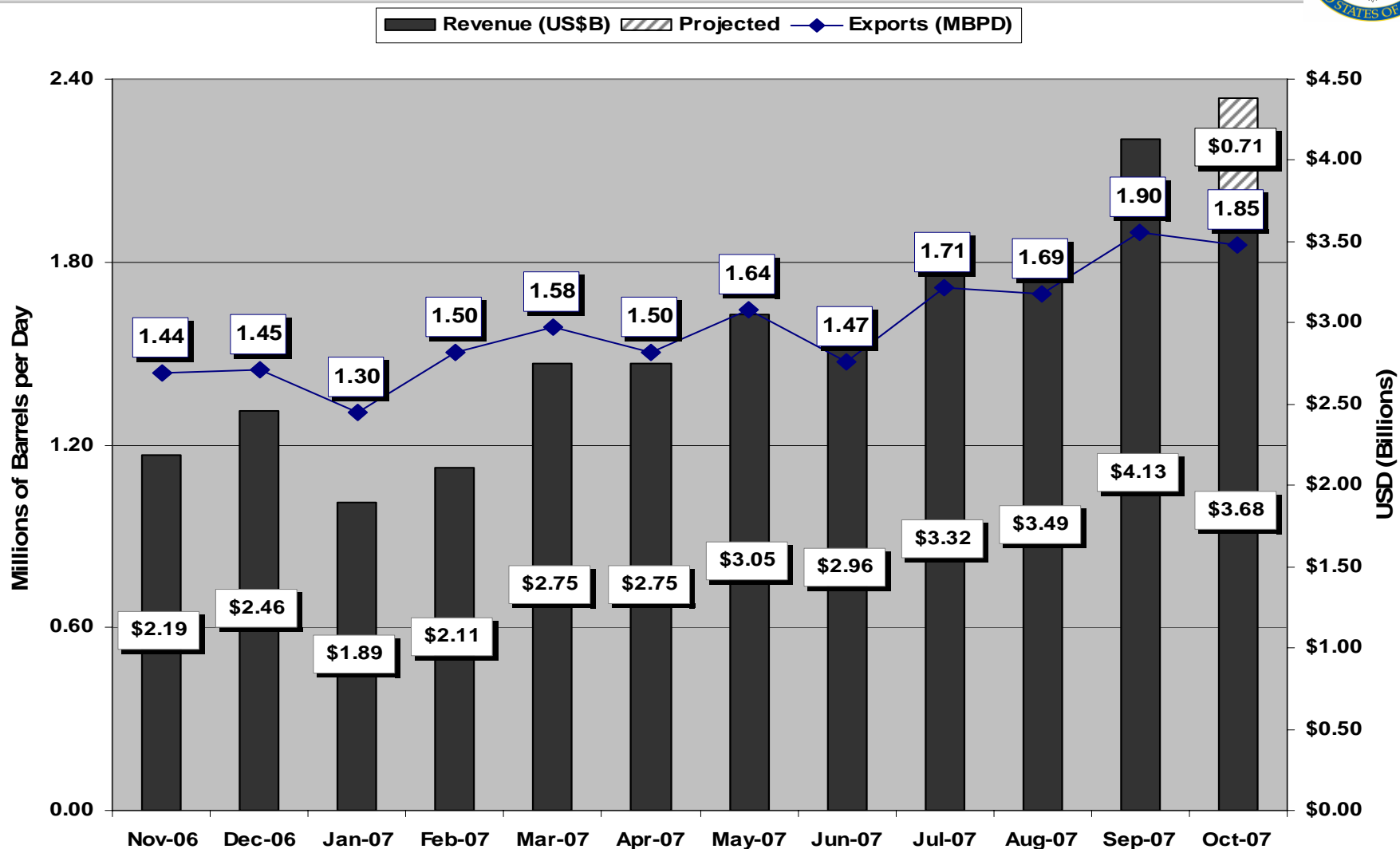


[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Crude Oil Production





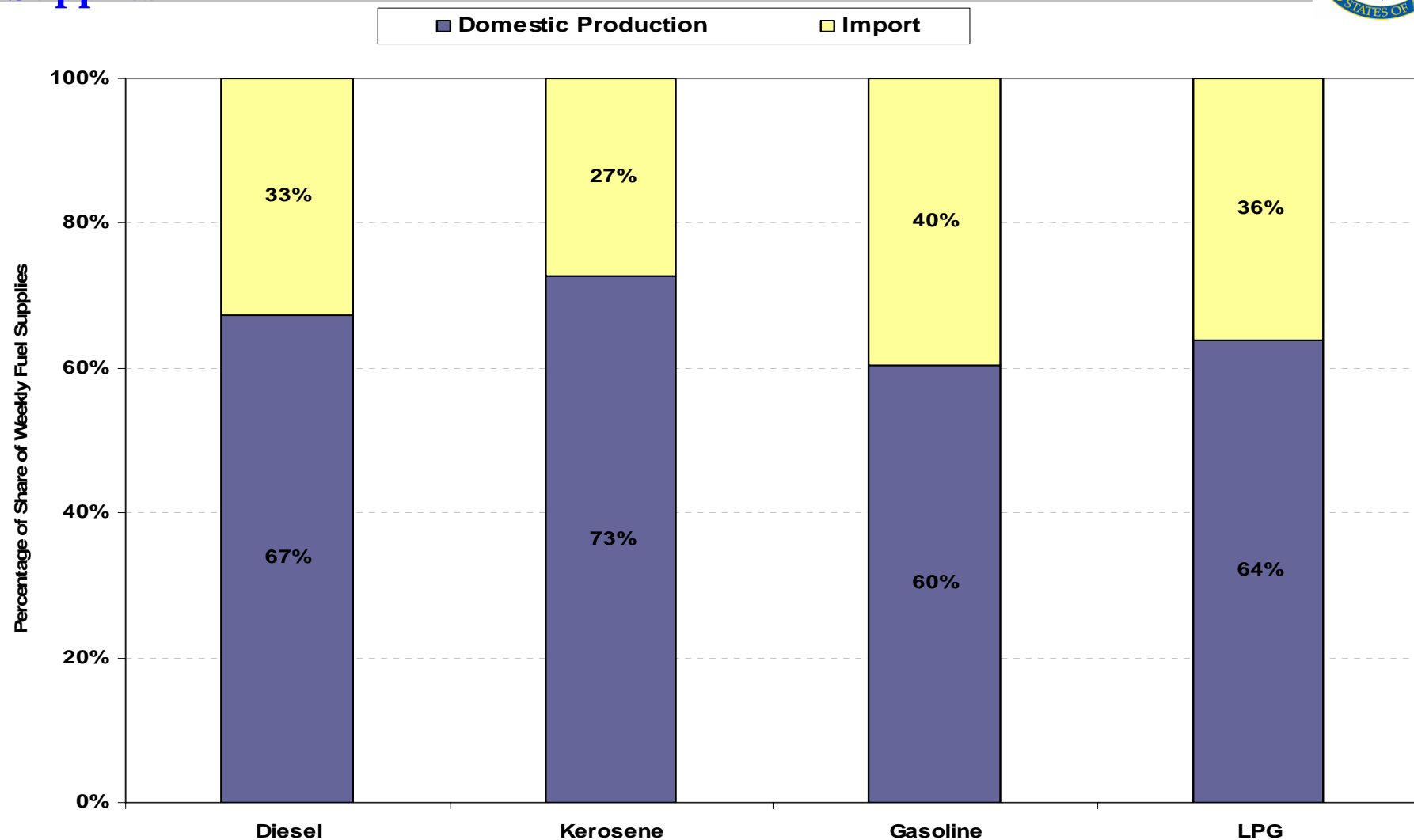
[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Crude Oil Export



- 2006 Revenue Estimate: \$31.3 Billion
- 2007 Revenue Estimate: \$30.1 Billion (Year to Date)



[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Total Critical Refined Product Supplies

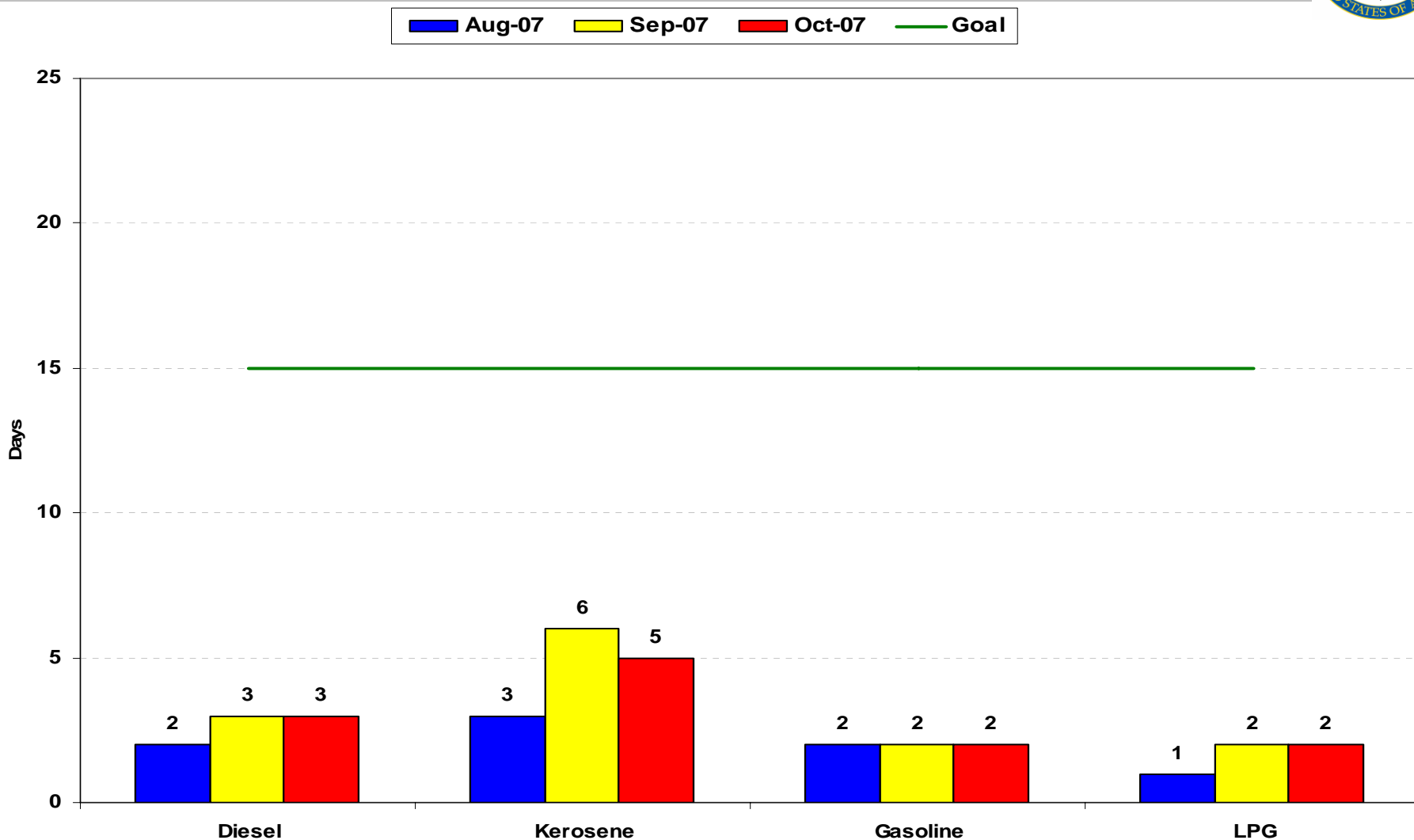


Note: This is a daily average for October 22 – 28

- Diesel: 14.0 ML supply of 24.5 ML target
- Kerosene: 7.7 ML supply of 14.6 ML target
- Gasoline: 16.0 ML supply of 26.8 ML target
- LPG: 3,725 tons supply of 5,100 tons target



[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – National Stock Levels



- The goal is to have on hand 15 days supply of all refined products, calculated on the basis of maximum consumption over the year and not adjusted for seasonal variation. The numbers given above are monthly averages.



[6.] Help Iraq Strengthen the Rule of Law and Promote Civil Rights— Rule of Law

Iraq Police Service Courses Graduate:

- The Iraq Police Service (IPS) graduated 326 students from basic training courses this past week. Mosul graduated 320 students from the 10-week Basic Recruit Training course, while Baghdad had six graduates from the three-week Transition Integration Program.
- The IPS graduated 15 students from the Station Training Officer course in Q-West, and six students graduated from the Patrol Police Training course in Sulaymaniyah.

Iraqi National Police Discover Cache:

- Iraqi National Police with the 1st National Division discovered a large weapons cache in the southeast district of New Baghdad in the Iraqi capital October 24. A tip from a resident led the policemen to the cache, which consisted of 52 122mm rockets.
- This is the second find in less than a week for the Iraqi Security Forces (ISF). On October 19, ISF recovered a cache that included an assault rifle, magazines, rocket sleds, timers and remote detonators, rocket-propelled grenade launchers, Iraqi Army uniforms and sulfur in eastern Baghdad.



[7.] Increase International Support for Iraq – **Developments**

South Korea's Cabinet Endorses Troop Extension:

- The South Korean Cabinet endorsed an extension October 30 of the country's troop deployment in Iraq for another year, but wants to bring home half of its 1,200 troops by December, an official said. The South Korean government is to introduce the extension plan to the National Assembly for final approval early next month after President Roh Moo-hyun signs it, presidential spokesman Cheon Ho-seon told reporters.

Turkish Army Attacks Kurdish Rebels:

- Turkish helicopters attacked suspected Kurdish rebel targets October 30 near the southeastern border with Iraq in a second day of fighting in the Mount Cudi area, which has reportedly claimed the lives of three Turkish soldiers and six PKK fighters. As the military pressure continued, the Turkish government called a Cabinet meeting to discuss a National Security Council recommendation on possible economic measures against groups supporting the Kurdish rebels.



[7.] Increase International Support for Iraq – Contributors to Iraqi Stability Operations

28 Countries with forces in Iraq (including U.S.)

Albania	Denmark	Korea	Romania
Armenia	El Salvador	Latvia	Singapore
Australia	Estonia	Lithuania	Slovakia
Azerbaijan	Georgia	Macedonia	Slovenia
Bosnia-Herzegovina	Japan	Moldova	Tonga
Bulgaria	Kazakhstan	Mongolia	Ukraine
Czech Republic		Poland	United Kingdom

TOTAL ~ 11,668 Forces

33 Countries and NATO* (including the U.S.) **Support Iraqi Stability Operations**

*33 includes the U.S., the 27 countries listed above, and six non-MNF-I countries: Hungary, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, Turkey

Note: Fiji and New Zealand, participating as a part of the UN mission in Iraq, are not included.



[8.] Strengthen Public Understanding of Coalition Efforts and Public Isolation of the Insurgents – **Developments**

Editor of Baghdad Newspaper Murdered:

- Shehab Mohammed al-Hiti, the Sunni Arab editor of the weekly al-Youm newspaper, was murdered this weekend. He was last seen leaving his home in the western Baghdad neighborhood of Jamiaa October 28 heading for the newspaper's office. Iraqi security forces found his body later that day in the northern Baghdad district of Ur, a Shia neighborhood. His death is still being investigated.

Christian Science Monitor's Baghdad Baker Story:

- The Christian Science Monitor reported on Hussein Faleh, pastry chef at "The Vanilla Pastry Shop" in Baghdad. Due to improving security in the capital, he has seen increased business and noticeable positive changes in his neighborhood. "It doesn't even feel like this is Iraq because people are outside in the streets shopping. There are crowds and relatively good security," says a pastry customer.



Iraq Weekly Status – General Information

- This brief draws from multiple sources. References are cited on the following pages.
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